OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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Abstract of the proceedings of the eleventh meeting of the Mysore Legislative Council held on the 30th March 1927.

The eleventh meeting of the Mysore Legislative Council was held on Wednesday the 30th March 1927 in the Council Chamber, Public Offices, Bangalore. All the members were present except Messrs. Javali Ganesha Rao, H. G. Basavappa, D. Venkatesaiya and S. M. Narayanaswamy Pillay.

The Assistant Secretary reported to the House the resignation by Col. W. L. Crawford, D.S.O., of his membership on the Council and also the fact of the following Regulations having received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja on the dates specified against each of them:—

(1) Regulation to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1904. 14th March 1927.
(2) Regulation further to amend the Mysore Forest Regulation, 1900. 14th March 1927.
(3) Regulation to amend the Mysore Income-tax Regulation, 1923. 14th March 1927.
(4) Regulation to amend the Mysore University Regulation, 1916. 14th March 1927.
(5) Regulation to amend the Regulation to provide for and regulate the destruction and segregation of stray dogs and of diseased horses and cattle (VI of 1899). 14th March 1927.
(6) The Mysore Religious and Charitable Institutions Regulation. 19th March 1927.

Sixteen questions together with supplementary questions thereon were put and answered. The motion for the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts of the Audit and Appropriation Report on the accounts of the Mysore Government for the year 1925-26 was passed. Twenty-two demands for additional and supplementary grants together with three cut motions formed the next item of business of the Council. The cut motions having been withdrawn after discussion, the demands were finally passed.

Eleven resolutions were tabled for discussion. Of these, four lapsed on account of the absence of the mover, two were withdrawn without discussion, and the remaining five, after discussion.

The President prorogued the House with the following speech:—

GENTLEMEN,—

It is my duty to-day to declare the prorogation of this, the first Council after the Reforms of 1923, at the end of its three years of work, and to bid you all a cordial farewell, which in the case of many will take the form of 'Vale atque ave'—farewell and welcome to a new term of work.

I think it will be fitting if I allude briefly to the work accomplished by this Council during the past three years. The Council met 10 times during this period and sat 56 days for the transaction of business. It passed 30 legislative measures including the three Bills passed to-day. Members asked as many as 420 questions, and a large number of supplementary questions besides, on various administrative matters; and they also gave notice of 170 resolutions, of which 105 were either discussed or withdrawn and the remaining 65 lapsed. Of those that were discussed, 17 resolutions were accepted. In addition, the three Budget Sessions gave opportunities to members for discussing the policies of the several departments of the administration and bringing their shortcomings to notice.

Coming now to the nature and importance of the business transacted by the Council, I must refer first of all, to the measures relating to the reconstitution of District Boards and Village Panchayets on a broader basis which were passed by this House last year and have recently been brought into force. These Regulations may, in actual working, be found to require changes in many details, but it stands to the credit of this Council that it is associated with far reaching reforms in the sphere of Local Self-Government in Mysore. The improvement of the procedure for land acquisition, the abolition of cotton excise duties, the amendment of the law relating to religious and charitable endowments and the appreciation of research in agricultural matters, as evidenced by the Coffee Cess Regulation, are measures which this Council may well be proud of. Again, the passing of the Record of Rights Bill at this Session marks an important departure, on progressive lines, from the traditional land revenue policy of the State.

I may also allude to the ready and enthusiastic support which this Council has always extended to measures for the relief of distress due to the recent floods and drought in parts of the State, to the better administration of the education cess, the improvement of medical relief and other important questions.

The vigilant scrutiny which the members have exercised both in Committee and in the House in regard to the Budget Estimates and public expenditure generally is another highly gratifying feature of the work of the Council.

More than the actual output, is the spirit in which the work is done and received. I can assure you that your criticisms and suggestions, even where they led to no definite and immediate results, have often induced Government to re-examine and where necessary to revise their proposals. Any one who will compare the record of work I have given with the record of this Council for a similar period before the Reforms will easily see that the Council has now come to exercise a much greater influence on the course of the administration and on its aims and policies. I shall not say that the members have all thoroughly exhausted their opportunities and that the Reforms have been utilised so as to secure the maximum of benefit which they are capable of yielding. As I have said before, the usefulness of our political institutions must necessarily depend to a very large extent upon the degree of public education and non-official organisation in the country; and these naturally will take time to grow. But, in the meantime, a hearty word of acknowledgment is due to you for the steady and earnest work by which you have laid the foundation for the future career of this Council. By your readiness to appreciate the difficulties of practical administration, by your constant good sense and reasonablness of attitude, no less than by your courage and firmness in representing your various views, you have maintained the dignity of this House and established honourable conventions for the future. I trust these characteristics will be no less in evidence in the new Council. I can assure you that there will be as important work for it to do hereafter as there was ever before—in fact work involving far vaster interests and more complex issues. It will require in us a broad and heightened outlook which will allow no petty sectarian or class question to distract our minds. It will require thoughtfulness that will look far into the future and will also take note of our immediate responsibilities. A large amount of patience, tolerance and willingness to co-operate cheerfully with all parties in the pursuit of the highest aims, a realisation of the commonness of our State and the community of our citizenship—these qualities will be called for in an even greater measure in future than in the past. I pray and trust that they may be forthcoming in all gratifying amplitude during the renovated career of this Council.

Gentlemen, it only remains for me to thank you all once again for all the courtesy and co-operation which Government and their officers have received at your hands.

This Council is now dissolved.

Rajasabhabhushana Diwan Bahadur Sir K. P. Puttanna Chetty, Kt., C.I.E., suitably replied on behalf of the House.

The Council thereupon adjourned *sine die*.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary, Legislative Council.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.

Notification No.——dated——April 1927.

FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS.

With reference to the rules prescribed in Government Order No. C. P. S. 23-9-29—E. dated the 11th January 1919 regarding the grant of Foreign Scholarships, it is hereby notified for general information that two scholarships of the value of £250 in England or $1250.00 in America each per annum will be awarded during 1927-28 for undergoing theoretical and practical training in Electricity in England or America. Applications for the scholarship should be addressed to the Chief Electrical Engineer, to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore, in the appended form with the necessary certificates required under the rules para VI 1, 2 and 3.

The applications should reach the Chief Electrical Engineer to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore on or before the 1st June 1927.

SCHOLARSHIP RULES.

The terms and conditions under which graduates in Arts or in Engineering will be selected for undergoing Electrical Training in Foreign countries.

1. Two scholarships will be thrown open alike to graduates in Arts whose Optional Subjects is Mathematics or Physical Science and Graduates in Engineering who have taken up Electrical or Mechanical Engineering.
2. The scholarships will be tenable for four years, *i.e.*, one year for post graduate and three years for practical course in foreign countries.